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SIXTY DAY SESSION DRAWING TO A CLOSE

Representative Thornton, as one of the committee on city and town organization, has sent in a minority report urging that the Jacksonville charter amendments do not become operative until 10 days after they have been approved at an election to be held for this purpose. This would appear to be "straight goods", but does not meet the approval of those who desire to change the government of Jacksonville. If a majority of the people of Jacksonville want the charter changed, Macon Thornton is willing for them to change it; if a majority is against change, then it will not be changed. Mr. Thornton is right. The whole fuss in Tallahassee about the Jacksonville Charter bill is simply an effort to turn the city over to another set of politicians.

Confronted by over six hundred bills the Legislature has only six more days. The session of 1909 will then pass into history and it now looks very much as if a person will be able to count on his fingers the number of general bills enacted during the sixty days.

COMMITTEES REPORT.

The various investigating committees have all returned now. The one that went to the State Reform School wasn't overly pleased in every particular. So far as

and pet bill when the clock hands point to the closing hour of the session, a week from Friday night.

YOUNG MEN SCOTCHED.

Tallahassee, May 22.—With the discharge of L. Algee, one of the two senate stenographers, and the request for the resignation of Assistant State Chemist B. K. Bridges, which has been received, the senate this afternoon, after a long executive session, unbottled the sensation.

While it is expected to prove a lesson to senate attaches, it really was not such a terrible sensation as had been expected.

Hours have been spent in executive session over the matter during the past few days.

From what information was given out the two young men wrote to a brewing company in St. Louis in regard to the Humphries bill defining intoxicating beverages as those having over 2 per cent of alcohol in them. The letter, it is stated, made certain offers if a named amount was deposited in a bank. At any rate, the transaction looked shady to the senate.

The letter was sent to the Jacksonville representative of the brewing company, who in turn sent it to a friend in Tallahassee. It was turned over to a senator, then the trouble was on.

Mr. Bridges was in Jacksonville

on when the plan involved is worked out. It gives the state absolute control of the entire industry within its borders. Florida has over 500 miles of sea coast. The oyster fisheries, however, are on the Gulf as a rule.

Senator Williams, the author of the measure, has been in the oyster business at Cedar Keys for many years himself and thoroughly understands the industry and its needs. Altogether he spoke for over four hours, and that portion of his address relating to the cultivation of the oyster and the needs for protection of the industry so impressed the senators that they ordered it spread upon the Senate journal.

Will McFadden, the negro who committed a criminal assault on Mrs. D. M. Waters, wife of a Florida East Coast section foreman, at Pineda, Brevard county, in August, 1907, and who was recently captured near Jacksonville, by Sheriff J. P. Brown, was hanged in Titusville jail yard last Friday morning. More than three hundred people witnessed the execution.

Tampa gets the next meeting of the Grand Council of the United Commercial Travelers for Georgia and Florida, which met this year at Athens, Ga.

The mango crop in South Florida promises to be very large this year and this delicious fruit will soon be ripe enough to place on the market.

ALEXANDER GETS EVEN WITH MR. HARDEE

Tallahassee, Fla., May 22.—(Special.)—Reading the proof from a letter Representative James E. Alexander landed revenge upon Representative W. R. Hardee, for his former conduct toward him.

Some weeks ago, the two representatives from Volusia county had a personal altercation in the lobby of the Leon Hotel, which was followed by quite a lengthy "point of personal privilege," from both, during a session of the lower branch of the Legislature. Representative Alexander and his colleague, Representative Macon Thornton, abused each other until by a motion, the regular order of business was resumed. During the abuse, Thornton read a letter signed by Representative W. R. Hardee, of St. Lucie county, in which he charged Alexander with appearing before a committee and stating that he wanted a certain measure to be reported favorable by this committee and passed by the House of Representatives, just to give him a boost in Volusia county and that he had arranged to have said measure killed by the senate. This accusation ended the "personal privilege abuse" at that time, without allowing Alexander to reply; but he stated later that such an accusation was false without foundation.

Now comes Mr. Hardee's bill,

seeking a way to keep stock from running at large, termed "no fence law." Both Mr. Hardee and Mr. Thornton who charged Mr. Alexander of attempting legislation merely for personal reasons, fought hard for the passage of this bill, while Mr. Alexander, Mr. Thornton's colleague, and Mr. DuPont, Representative of St. Johns county, bitterly opposed it. A satisfied confident expression played upon the countenances of both Representatives opposing the measure, and this became self-explanatory when Mr. Alexander, after a very eloquent appeal, began his "personal privilege" again, reading a letter signed by three members of the committee on miscellaneous legislation which stated that the Hon. W. R. Hardee, of St. Lucie county, had stated to them that the reason he wanted this law enacted was, that his neighbor had an old horse that continually ate up his pineapples and that he wished to compel his neighbor to keep his horse up.

Thus Mr. Alexander satisfied the members of the House of Representatives that there was sufficient personal legislation contained in this measure; and by the reconsideration of the vote by which it passed the House at first, it was hopelessly defeated this afternoon.

Mr. Alexander says that he be-

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those in charge were concerned the management isn't so bad, but the school is poorly equipped and is costing the state far more than it ought to, considering what there is to show for it. The committee even suggested that if the school cannot be run under less exorbitant amounts than in the past that it would really be advisable to abolish the institution.

THE DRAINAGE PROPOSITION.

The Everglades Drainage Joint Committee is the best pleased of the bunch. Chairman Theo. West of Marianna has always been an opponent of drainage, but he came back convinced and the same was true of the others. By their request they were accompanied by former Gov. Broward, who is perhaps more thoroughly familiar with every phase of the drainage work than any other one man. They went to Lauderdale on the East Coast, and on their return inspected the East Coast canal. They went next down to Fort Myers to the Caloosahatchee. The report is one that will go down in history.

The calendars are just jam up. Over 600 bills have been introduced in the House and over 450 in the Senate. And all but a very few of them are still on the calendar. Many bills have been passed, but they were all of a local nature. The Senate and the House calendars will be the graveyards of many a member's fondest dream

a few days ago on business and was brought up by a deputy sheriff on an attachment issued by the senate for him as a witness.

The young men were perfectly frank when questioned by the executive session and the senators do not believe that they fully realized just what they were doing amounting to.

It was stated by a senator that the action taken was the least that the senate could do in the matter, but it was believed under the circumstances that it was punishment enough.

Both young men are highly regarded by all who know them and the whole affair is regarded as unfortunate. Senators state that no further action will be taken.

CONSERVATION OF THE OYSTER REEFS

The Williams oyster bill, is one of the most sweeping that has been taken up during the session. It affects the entire oyster industry of Florida.

The measure is intended for the conservation of the natural oyster reefs of the coast and for the protection of the bivalves as well as of those owning oyster farms. The office of oyster commissioner is created and that official will be clothed with the power to control the industry throughout the state. The bill plans for the policing of the Gulf and Atlantic coasts for the keeping off of oyster pirates later

COMMENCEMENT

AT STETSON

Commencement exercises at Stetson university will be held May 28 to June 1.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by President Hulley. The educational sermon will be by Rev. Henry N. Battle, D.D. Mr. F. A. Hathaway, president of Florida State Teachers Association, will be the normal school orator, and the commencement orator will be Rev. Austin H. Jolly, D.D., president of the Presbyterian College of Florida.

The following is the program:

Music department commencement, Friday, May 28th, 8 p. m., auditorium.

Phi Kappa Delta banquet, Friday, May 28, 9:30 p. m., fraternity room, Elizabeth hall.

Class day, academy, Saturday, May 29, 8 p. m., auditorium.

Business college commencement, Saturday, May 29, 8 p. m., auditorium.

Business college banquet, Saturday, May 29, 9:30 p. m., Chaudoin hall.

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, May 30, 11 a. m., auditorium.

Annual sermon, F. B. E. S., Sunday, May 30, 7:30 p. m., Baptist church.

Normal school commencement, Monday, May 31, 10 a. m., auditorium.

College of technology, manual training and snop work exhibition,

Monday, May 31, 2 p. m., science hall.

Alumni meeting, Monday May 31, 4 p. m., auditorium.

Class day, college of liberal arts, Monday, May 31, 8 p. m., auditorium.

Alumni banquet, Monday, May 31, 9:30 p. m., Chaudoin hall.

Academy commencement, Tuesday, June 1, 10 a. m., auditorium.

College of liberal arts and college of law commencement, Tuesday, June 1, 8 p. m., auditorium.

Presidents' reception, Tuesday, June 1, 9:30 to 11 p. m., Chaudoin hall.

A HOUSEHOLD TRAGEDY

With dignified gait and head erect, the woman descended the front steps, and proceeded slowly down the street, says the New York Times. In one hand she held a hat box, in the other a large paper bundle, and in her eyes was a light of battle.

The man ran distractedly after her.

"Come back," he cried, "for heaven's sake, do not leave me thus." But the woman turned upon him with a withering glance of scorn, and the corners of her mouth dropped contemptuously.

"You don't know what this means to me," the man cried in a frenzy of despair. "You cannot realize how empty my home will be without you. Surely, oh, surely, you cannot mean to leave me for—believes that "people who live in glass

houses should not throw stones," and thus far has proved it fatal in this instance.—*Montgomery (Ala.) Advertiser*, May 23.

ever? I shall gratify your every wish, cater to your fancy, grovel in the dust at your feet, if you will only stay."

But in vain. Her retreating figure had turned the corner, and the woman, deaf to his entreaties, was now out of hearing distance. The man re-entered the house and threw himself upon a divan.

"What is to become of us?" he groaned. "Our cook has gone!"

SPEEDING HIS CALLERS.

Getting rid of undesirable callers is as hard as taking care of politically undesirable citizens, says the Boston Record. A professional man in town who regards his time as valuable has devised an effective plan for handling obstreperous and persistent conversationalists.

He has on his desk a small alarm clock. When a visitor of unpleasant propensities is announced this man picks up his clock, sets the alarm for three minutes ahead, and receives his caller. Time goes, and then the clock does its duty.

The busy man starts as he hears the sound, consults his watch, and then rises with a hasty apology.

"I'm mighty sorry we won't be able to discuss that longer," he says, "but I've an important engagement at this hour, and simply Must keep it."